



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 7, 2000

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RE: MUR 5008
People for Patty Murray - U.S. Senate
Campaign and C. Brandon Hall, as treasurer

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On July 3, 2000, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on your client's behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due within 30 days of the conciliation agreement's effective date. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dawn M. Odrowski".

Dawn M. Odrowski
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

People for Patty Murray - U.S. Senate
Campaign and C. Brandon Hall, as treasurer

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MUR 5008

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that the People for Patty Murray - U.S. Senate Campaign and C. Brandon Hall, as treasurer ("Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. Patty Murray - U.S. Senate Campaign is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4), and is the authorized principal campaign committee for Patty Murray's 1998 senatorial campaign.

2. C. Brandon Hall is the treasurer of People for Patty Murray - U.S. Senate Campaign.

3. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires principal campaign committees of candidates for federal office to notify in writing either the Secretary of the Senate or the Commission, as appropriate, and the Secretary of State of the appropriate state, of each contribution totaling \$1,000 or more, received by any authorized committee of the candidate after the 20th day but more than 48 hours before any election.

2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A). The Act further requires notification to be made within 48 hours after the receipt of the contribution and to include the name of the candidate and office sought, the date of receipt, the amount of the contribution, and the identification of the contributor. *Id.* The notification of these contributions shall be in addition to all other reporting requirements.

2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(B).

4. Among the contributions that Respondents received between October 15, 1998, and October 31, 1998, were forty-five contributions of \$1,000 or more totaling \$62,758.20. Respondents did not file or did not timely file 48-hour notifications for these contributions. Respondents did disclose these contributions in the 30-Day Post General Report, filed on December 3, 1998, and timely filed other 48 Hour Notices in connection with the 1998 general election.

V. Respondents failed to report campaign contributions of \$1,000 or more received after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours before the general election, within 48 hours of receipt of the contributions, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(6)(A).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$6,400), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY:

Lois G. Lerner
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Date

7/6/00

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

David T. McDonagh
(Name) DAVID T. MCDONAGH
(Position) Campaign Counsel

Date

6/20/00